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Footwear for leaving a personalized imprint on wet sand and other surfaces, comprising:

2 a sole portion having a bottom surface with a tight matrix of projections extending

4 therefrom,

6 each projection being selectively removable, enabling a user to remove a subset of the projections corresponding to the personalized imprint.

2. The footwear of claim 1, wherein each projection has a nominal length in

2 the range of 3/16 to 3/8 inch, and a nominal width in the range of 1/8 to 3/16 inch.

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3. The footwear of claim 1, wherein the projections are circular, triangular, rectangular, square, or hexagonal in cross-section.

4. The footwear of claim 1, further including a non-partitioned border

2 surrounding the matrix of projections.

5. The footwear of claim 1, wherein the sole portion is at least partially

2 transparent, enabling the user to view the projections therethrough as they are being removed.

6. The footwear of claim 1, wherein the sole portion forms part of a sandal or

2 thong.

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7. A method of modifying footwear to produce a personalized footprint on
2 wet sand and other surfaces, comprising:

providing footwear having a sole portion with a bottom surface including a matrix

4 of projections extending therefrom; and

selectively removing a plurality of the projections to produce a mirror image

6 corresponding to the personalized footprint.

8. The method of claim 7, wherein at least the sole portion of the footwear is

2 transparent or semi-transparent, enabling a user to view the projections therethrough as

they are being selectively removed.

9. The method of claim 7, further including the step of flexing the sole

2 portion to better expose projections to be removed.

10. The method of claim 7, wherein the projections are such that they may be

2 removed by hand without tools.

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